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Reference: 30 Day Post-General (10/19/00-11/27/00) and Year End (11/28/00-

12/31/00) Reports

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report discloses aggregate year-to-date totals for contributions received from individuals which appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that federal regulations require aggregate year-to-date totals to include only those contributions which are received during the calendar year. In the event that the aggregate year-to-date total is correct, please note that federal regulations also require the disclosure of all contributions received from individuals who have contributed over \$200. 11 CFR §104.3(a)(4) Please amend your report to provide the correct aggregate year-to-date totals.

-Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) of your report discloses contributions received through what appears to be a payroll deduction plan. Please amend your report to disclose the amount deducted per pay period. 11 CFR §104.8(b) Please refer to the enclosed sample of properly reported payroll deductions.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Scott B. Walker Reports Analyst

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Number in-Kind contributions on both Schedules A and B so as not to inflate the cash-on-hand amount.

Payroll Deductions

Once an individual's deductions aggregate over \$200 in a calendar year, report the total amount deducted from the donor's paychecks during the reporting period on Schadule A. In parentheses indicate the amount that was deducted each pay period. Instead of stating a specific date of receipt, write "payroli deduction" under "Date." The other itemized information, including the year-to-date total, must be completed for each donor. 104.8(b).

EXAMPLE: During an election year, a corporate manager authorizes her employer to deduct \$15 per pay period (each pay period is two weeks) for the company's SSF. The SSF, which files FEC reports on a quarterly schedule, includes the manager's first-quarter contributions (\$90 for six pay periods) as "uniternized contributions" on Line 11(a)(ii) in the April quarterly report.

By June 30 (the closing date for the July quarterly report), 13 pay periods have passed, and the menager's aggregate contributions are \$195—still below the \$200 femization threshold. The menager's second-quarter contributions again are included in "unitamized contributions" in the July report.

By September 30 (the closing data for the October quarterly report), 19 pay periods have passed, and the manager's contributions reach \$285. Now the committee itemizes the total contributions received from the manager during the third quarter (\$90), providing the year-to-date total in the appropriate space. (See tham A in the litustration above.)

In-Kind Contributions

When determining whether to itemize an in-kind contribution, follow the same guidelines listed above under "When to itemize Receipts." See page 8 for information on how to determine the dollar value of an in-kind contribution.

in addition, add the value of the in-kind contribution to the operating expenditures total on Line 21(b) (in order to avoid inflating the cath-on-hand amount). 104.18(s)(2).

If the in-kind contribution must be itemized on Schedule A, then it must also be itemized on a Schedule B for operating expenditures. See the illustration at left.